

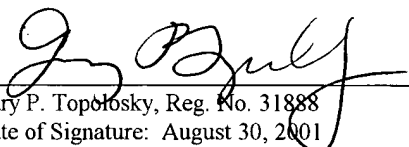
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of ) Examiner Stevan A. Resan  
Vivek M. Sample et al. ) Group Art Unit 1773  
Serial No. (not received yet) ) Atty. Docket No. 99-0067  
Confirmation No. (not received yet) )  
Filed Herewith )  
For Modulus Stiffening of Hard Discs )

**Preliminary Amendment**

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Date of Signature: August 30, 2001

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**In the specification:**

Delete the title and substitute: "Method of Manufacturing a Modulus Stiffened Hard Disc".

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.121:

- (a) a marked form version of the amended paragraphs of the specification is presented in the "Marked Specification Paragraphs" attached to this Amendment; and
- (b) a clean form version of the amended paragraphs is presented below.